

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 is amended as suggested by the Examiner. Dependent claims 13 and 14 are newly added. Support for the amendment can be found at, e.g., page 12, Table, page 9, lines 26-30, and page 6, lines 10-11 of the originally filed application. As discussed below, the amendments are presented to place the present application in condition for allowance. No new matter is added. Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-11, and 13-14 are pending in the application with claim 1 being the only independent claim.

Rejection of Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, and 9-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Specifically, the Examiner states that the limitation "wherein the at least one base mix is free of an unsaturated C₁₂-C₂₂ fatty acid ester," which was added to claim 1 through the previously submitted Amendment, is not supported by the specification in the absence of the limitation "and the at least one base mix comprises aromatic oil." In response, Applicants have now amended claim 1 as suggested by the Examiner, i.e., adding the limitation "and the at least one base mix comprises aromatic oil" in claim 1. As acknowledged by the Examiner, such amendment is supported by, e.g., page 12, Table and page 9, lines 28-30 of the originally filed application. *See* pages 2-3 of the Office Action. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1-4, 6, 7, and 9-11 becomes moot in view of the above-presented amendment to claim 1.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-4, 6, 7, and 9-11 as currently amended based on the Examiner's suggestion are allowable. *See* page 7, second full paragraph of the Office Action. Claims 13 and 14, both of which depend from claim 1, are also allowable for at least the same reasons discussed in connection with claim 1.

Rejection of Claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 12 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over JP '701 (JP 2000-153701) in view of at least one of JP '935 (JP 63-039935), JP '311 (JP 2002-275311), and Hausmann (US 5,252,649). Claim 12 is now cancelled. Therefore, this rejection becomes moot in view of the cancellation of claim 12.

Based on all of the above, the present application is now in proper condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action to this effect and early passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any comments, questions, suggestions or objections, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned in order to facilitate reaching a resolution of any outstanding issues.

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